

EPA Region 6 Adds Lane Plating Works Inc. to National Priorities List

Lane Plating Works Inc. Superfund Site
Dallas, Texas

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The Superfund Process

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in conjunction with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has finalized placement of the Lane Plating Works Inc. Superfund site to the National Priorities List (NPL). The NPL is EPA's list of uncontrolled or abandoned hazardous waste sites identified for long-term cleanup under the federal Superfund program. The site was proposed to the NPL on January 9, 2018. The site was added to the NPL on May 17, 2018.

The first step of the Superfund Process is to place a site on the NPL. EPA will investigate the nature and extent of contamination. The site was added to the NPL because hazardous substances were released into on-site soils, surface water, sediments and nearby wetlands.

The next step of the NPL process is to conduct a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study. The Remedial Investigation is designed to determine the nature and extent of contamination, and the Feasibility Study evaluates various ways to deal with the contamination at the site. EPA intends to hold availability sessions, community meetings and community interviews throughout the RI/FS process.

The RI/FS process normally ends with the release of the RI/FS documents and development of the Proposed Plan for remedial action in cleaning up the site. The Proposed Plan also serves as an effective

communication device to present a preferred remedy and rationale to the community. After the submission of the document, EPA will hold a public meeting to discuss the Proposed Plan, followed by a comment period for community members to submit written comments.

EPA will inform the public regarding site activities and provide additional fact sheets covering these topics throughout the investigation.

Site Background

The Lane Plating Works, Inc. site is a former electroplating facility located at 5322 Bonnie View Road, approximately five miles south of downtown Dallas, in Dallas County, Texas. The site is a former electroplating facility that primarily conducted hard chromium and cadmium plating for more than 90 years. Electroplating was performed manually. Due to violations, investigations and bankruptcy filing, the facility shut down. Investigations by the EPA and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) found on-site soils and shallow ground water contaminated with plating wastes.

TCEQ referred the site to the EPA due to the need for long-term remedial action to clean up contaminated soils, ground water and surface water, and to prevent additional contaminant releases from the site. The EPA received a letter of support for placing this site on the NPL from the state of Texas. TCEQ referred the site to the EPA due to the need for long-term remedial action to clean up contaminated soils, ground water and surface water, and to prevent additional contaminant releases from the site.

Large volumes of liquid plating wastes were stored at the site as recently as October 2016. In November and December 2015, the TCEQ removed cyanide waste and secured chromic acid sludge. In November 2016, the EPA removed all solid and liquid hazardous wastes.

Community Involvement

EPA is committed to engaging dialogue and collaboration with community members. Our goal for Superfund community involvement is to advocate and strengthen early and meaningful community participation during Superfund cleanup. EPA is committed to:

- Encouraging and enabling community member involvement.
- Listening and responding to community concern.
- Changing planned actions where community comments or concerns have merit.
- Keeping the community well informed of ongoing and planned activities.
- Explaining EPA activities to the community.

Community Participation

EPA welcomes the opportunity to improve our communication effort by obtaining feedback and suggestions from the public. EPA is open to public suggestions that improve the exchange of information, or ideas that enhance the implementation of the remediation efforts.

Community Involvement Plan (CIP)

A CIP will be developed to identify the concerns, needs and issues of the community. This document informs the site team about the community and preferred ways to involve them in site activities. To develop this document, EPA plans to conduct community interviews and outreach with other stakeholders to analyze community needs for communication and involvement with the site. This process takes several months to complete.

Technical Assistance Service for Communities

The national Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC) program provides independent assistance through an EPA contract to help communities better understand the science, regulations and policies of environmental issues and EPA actions. Under the TASC contract, a contractor provides scientists, engineers and other professionals to review and explain information to

communities. The services are determined on a project-specific basis and provided at no cost to communities. This assistance supports community efforts to get more involved and work productively with EPA to address environmental issues. For more information, go to [[HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/superfund/technical-assistance-services-communities-tasc-program"](https://www.epa.gov/superfund/technical-assistance-services-communities-tasc-program)].

Technical Assistance Grant

An understanding of the technical issues concerning a hazardous waste site helps citizens provide thoughtful, informed comments to EPA decision-makers considering proposed Superfund actions. Recognizing the importance of community involvement and the need for citizens living near these sites to be well informed, Congress included provisions in the Superfund amendments to establish a Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) program.

The TAG program provides up to \$50,000 per site to a community group affected by the site to hire technical advisors. The group must provide at least 20 percent of the total costs of their project and must budget the expenditure of grant funds to cover the life of the Superfund process at the site(s). For more information on the TAG program, go to [[HYPERLINK "http://www.epa.gov/superfund/technical-assistance-grant-tag-program"](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/technical-assistance-grant-tag-program)].

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